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### **Carlsbad Crime Down Mid-Year**

CARLSBAD, Calif. -- Crime in Carlsbad is down 8 percent so far this year compared to the same time last year. The total number of FBI index crimes decreased from 1,071 in the first six months of 2009 to 982 in the first six months of this year.

**Violent Crimes:** The violent crimes category includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. All four categories decreased in the first half of this year compared to the same time last year. Overall, violent crime is down 38 percent.

**Property Crimes:** The property crimes category includes burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft. Property crimes decreased from 916 in the first half of 2009 to 886 in 2010, a decrease of 3 percent. Residential burglaries, commercial burglaries, and motor vehicle theft all saw decreases, while larceny/theft increased 5 percent from 629 mid-year 2009 to 665 mid-year 2010.

"This decrease in crime reflects the hard work being done by police in partnership with the community, and residents should feel safe living in Carlsbad," said Gary Morrison, police chief. "However, residents should always be vigilant and take precautions to reduce the chance of being victimized, especially during these difficult economic times."

Crime prevention tips are available on the city's website at [www.carlsbadca.gov/police](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/police).

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